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Senator Keith Kelley
Chairman, Sunset Committee
Alabama State House
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Senator Kelley:

This report was prepared to provide information for use by the Sunset Committee in conducting its review and evaluation of the operations of the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors in accordance with the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 41-20-9.

The report contains unaudited information obtained from the management, staff, and records of the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors in addition to information obtained from other sources.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this report.

Sincerely,

Rachel Laurie Riddle
Chief Examiner

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PROFILE

Purpose/Authority

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors (the “Board”) was established by Act Number 1985-921, Acts of Alabama. The Board licenses and regulates electrical contractors. The Board operates under the authority of the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Sections 34-36-1 through 34-36-18.

<u>Characteristics</u>	
Members and Selection	The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-36-4(c)
Term	Members serve three-year staggered terms. Each term shall expire on June 30 of the last year of the term, and no member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed. <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-36-4(c)
Qualifications	Each person, to be eligible for appointment to serve on the Board, shall be citizen of the United States and resident of Alabama. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seven members appointed to the Board one from each congressional district:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Shall be actively engaged in the electrical construction business as a qualified person with an electrical construction background of not less than five consecutive years.◆ Shall hold certificates to validate his or her competence as an electrical contractor in the electrical construction field.• Two members appointed to the Board as at-large members shall be members of the Alabama State Electrical Workers Association. <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-36-4(b)
Consumer Representation	No specific statutory requirement.
Racial Representation	No specific statutory requirement. One minority member currently serving on the Board.

Geographical Representation	<p>One member shall be appointed from each congressional district, and there shall be two at-large members who shall be appointed from within the state.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-36-4(c)</p>
Other Representation	<p>The membership of the Board should be inclusive and should reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-36-4(b)</p>
Compensation	<p>The members of the Board shall receive up to \$300 per day with a limit of 15 days per year while performing their official duties, in addition to the same per diem and mileage as provided to state employees.</p> <p>The Board members receive \$300.00 per day.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-36-5</p>
Attended Board Member Training	<p>Former Executive Director Current Executive Director</p>
<u>Operations</u>	
Administrator	<p>The Board has an inter-agency agreement with the Alabama Board of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors (HACR) to provide administrative services for its day-to-day operations, including the services of the HACR’s Executive Director and other employees. Jeffrey Becraft, Executive Director of HACR serves as Executive Director for the Board. The current inter-agency agreement beginning June 1, 2025 compensates the HACR Board \$174,000.00 annually, paid in monthly installments of \$14,500.00. The inter-agency agreement will expire October 1, 2026.</p>
Location	<p>100 N. Union Street, Suite 996 Montgomery, AL 36104</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>
Real Property Ownership	<p>The Board does not own any real property.</p>
Employees	<p>The Board has one employee.</p>

Legal Counsel	Tara Hetzel, Chief Deputy Attorney General, and Ellen Leonard, Deputy Attorney General, serve as the Board’s legal counsel through an agreement between the Board and the Office of the Attorney General.								
Subpoena Power	The Board does not have subpoena power except as provided by the Administrative Procedures Act, <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 41-22-12 for hearings and contested cases.								
Internet Presence	www.aecb.alabama.gov The website contains the Board’s current statutes and rules, a list of Board members and staff, disciplinary actions, the minutes of Board meetings, public records request link, fees, forms, testing information, continuing education information, latest news, consumer complaint form, licensee search, and contact information.								
<u>Financial</u>									
Source of Funds	The Board’s sources of funds include licensing fees, continuing education provider fees, examination fees, fines and penalties.								
State Treasury	Yes, a Special Revenue Fund 0381 in the State’s Treasury. <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-36-17								
Required Distributions	None								
Unused Funds	Any funds unspent and unencumbered at the end of any state fiscal year in excess of \$100,000.00 shall be transferred into the State General Fund on or before January 15 of the succeeding year. <i>See Prior Significant Issue 2020-001.</i> <i>Code of Alabama 1975</i> , Section 34-36-17								
<u>Licensure</u>									
Licensees	Active licensees as of June 3, 2025: <table border="1" data-bbox="581 1562 1211 1713"> <tr> <td>Electrical Contractors</td> <td>3,628</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Journeyman Electricians</td> <td>1,351</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Provisional Electrical Contractors</td> <td>397</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>5,376</td> </tr> </table> <i>Source:</i> Executive Director	Electrical Contractors	3,628	Journeyman Electricians	1,351	Provisional Electrical Contractors	397	Total	5,376
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<p>Licensure Qualifications</p>	<p>All applicants for licensure as an electrical contractor or journeyman electrician must submit a completed application, application fee, and supportive documentation of qualifications before taking an examination approved by the Board.</p> <p>A licensee shall be a citizen of the United States or legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.</p> <p><u>Electrical Contractor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must document a minimum of 8,000 of experience in the overall design, planning, lay-out, and direct supervision of electrical construction activities and the soliciting and installing of electrical power or control systems. This requirement may be satisfied with the documentation of 8,000 hours of experience as a journeyman electrician in charge of jobs. • An applicant may substitute one year of education in an approved electrical curriculum or one year of an approved apprenticeship program for 1,000 hours of electrical experience. • An applicant for an electrical contractor’s license that holds a valid professional engineer’s license registered in the state of Alabama is qualified to sit for the requisite examination. <p><u>Journeyman Electrician</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must document a minimum of 8,000 hours experience that includes the installation of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment for lighting or power, and/or controls thereof. This work must be commercial, industrial or residential. The applicant must also be capable of performing said work according to plans and specifications furnished to him or her and in accordance with standard rules and regulations governing such work. • An applicant for a state-wide journeyman electrician examination may substitute one year of education in an approved electrical curriculum or apprenticeship program for 1,000 hours of electrical experience. <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Sections 34-36-7(a), (c), & (d) <i>Administrative Rules</i> 303-X-2-.01 and 303-X-2-.02</p>
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<p>Examinations</p>	<p>Applicants must pass a standardized exam approved by the Board. The Board has approved options for Electrical Contractors and Journeyman applicants to take the approved state exam or a national examination. Additionally, there is a required examination for those applicants who hold a provisional license to become a licensed Electrical Contractor.</p> <p>All applicants must take a Business and Law examination. These questions are incorporated in the state’s examination but not the national examinations. The Board contracts with Prov, Inc. to develop and administer the licensing examinations. Fees for exams are paid directly to the Board.</p> <p>Testing centers are located at Alabama State University (Montgomery), Athens State University, Auburn University, Calhoun Community College, Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Coastal Alabama Community College (Bay Minette), Coastal Alabama Community College (Thomasville), Enterprise State Community College, Jacksonville State University, Jefferson State Community College (Jefferson Campus), Southeast Community Training Center, Southland Training Solutions, The University of Alabama (Birmingham), University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa), University of Alabama (Huntsville Campus), and Wallace State Community College.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Electrical Contractor Examination (State Examination)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fiscal Year</th> <th># Taken</th> <th># Passed</th> <th>% Passed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025*</td> <td>142</td> <td>71</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Electrical Journeyman Examination (State Examination)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fiscal Year</th> <th># Taken</th> <th># Passed</th> <th>% Passed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025*</td> <td>150</td> <td>109</td> <td>73%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Master/Unlimited Electrical Contractor Examination (National Examination)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fiscal Year</th> <th># Taken</th> <th># Passed</th> <th>% Passed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025*</td> <td>34</td> <td>4</td> <td>12%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Journey-Level Electrician Examination (National Examination)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Fiscal Year</th> <th># Taken</th> <th># Passed</th> <th>% Passed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025*</td> <td>39</td> <td>14</td> <td>36%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Fiscal Year	# Taken	# Passed	% Passed	2025*	142	71	50%	Fiscal Year	# Taken	# Passed	% Passed	2025*	150	109	73%	Fiscal Year	# Taken	# Passed	% Passed	2025*	34	4	12%	Fiscal Year	# Taken	# Passed	% Passed	2025*	39	14	36%
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	<p>*Through May 14, 2025.</p> <p>Pass/fail statistics for students from Alabama educational institutions are not available. Post-secondary education is not a requirement to sit for the licensure examination.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-36-7(a) <i>Administrative Rule 303-X-2-.01(13)</i> <i>Source</i>: Executive Director</p>								
Reciprocity	<p>The Board may recognize a license issued by any other state that, in the opinion of the Board, has standards of practice or licensure equal to or higher than those required by this state.</p> <p>The Board has reciprocity agreements with Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-36-7(b)</p>								
Renewals	<p>Licenses are renewed annually.</p> <p>The Board was unable to provide an accurate number of online renewals.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-36-8(a) <i>Source</i>: Executive Director</p>								
Licensee Demographics	<p>Data not collected by agency.</p> <p><i>Source</i>: Executive Director</p>								
Continuing Education	<p>All persons holding an electrical contractor license shall be required to complete 14 hours of continuing education every two years.</p> <p>There are no requirements for continuing education for Journeyman Electricians.</p> <p><i>Code of Alabama 1975</i>, Section 34-36-8(b)</p>								

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Significant Issue 2025-001: The Board did not maintain accurate information notating the date checks and/or money orders were received by the Board. Six hundred and four checks and money orders were reviewed; receipt dates could only be determined for 444 checks and money orders (74%). As a result, it could not be determined whether the remaining 160 checks and/or money orders were deposited timely.

Additionally, the Board did not always deposit checks and money orders in a timely manner. Of the 444 checks and money orders reviewed with receipt dates, 360 checks and money orders (81%) were deposited from 6 to 301 business days after receipt.

Significant Issue 2025-002: It could not be determined whether minutes were kept in accordance with the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 36-25A-4 for two meetings held during the Sunset review period. The Board's prior Executive Director did not provide minutes for the Board meetings held on February 26, 2025 and April 30, 2025.

The *Code of Alabama 1975*, Section 36-25A-4 states in part, "A governmental body shall maintain accurate records of its meetings, excluding executive sessions, setting forth the date, time, place, members present or absent, and action taken at each meeting."

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FROM QUESTIONNAIRES

Significant Issue 2025-003: Three of the seven journeymen licensees (43%) responding to our survey indicated that they do not believe they are adequately informed by the Board of changes to and interpretations of the Board's positions, policies, rules, and laws.

STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS/SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Six of the ten prior findings/significant issues have been resolved. The following prior findings/significant issues remain outstanding:

Prior Significant Issue 2020-001: The Board is not accurately reporting its encumbrances and accounts payable at the end of the fiscal year to the Comptroller's Office. The Board encumbered \$101,087.28 at the end of fiscal year 2019 and expended \$27,890.38 in the next fiscal year. The Board encumbered \$73,846.38 at the end of fiscal year 2020 and expended \$19,386.74 in the next fiscal year. As a result of overstating encumbrances and accounts payable for fiscal year 2020 the Board did not transfer the correct amount of unspent funds in excess of \$100,000.00 to the State General Fund.

Current Status: Partially resolved. While no transfer was required at the end of fiscal year 2024, the Board did not accurately report its encumbrances and accounts payable at the end of the fiscal year to the Comptroller's Office. The Board encumbered \$103,848.01 at the end of fiscal year 2024 but only expended \$56,786.01 in the next fiscal year.

Prior Significant Issue 2024-003: During the Sunset Review period, the Board incorrectly coded \$13,640.00 in examination fees as licensure fees and \$2,500.00 in licensure fees as examination fees. As a result, the reported income in these revenue categories was inaccurately recorded in the Board's accounting records.

According to the State of Alabama Department of Finance's *Fiscal Policy and Procedures Manual*, "Deposits of revenues include taxes, fees, fines, interest, rent, grants, and federal funds. Agencies are required to enter the four-digit revenue source code from the chart of accounts and select the revenue source code that describes the receipt that is being certified."

Current Status: Unresolved. During this Sunset Review period, the Board did not properly record 201 receipts. It was determined that a refund against disbursement was coded as an Oil & Gas Production - GF 2% collection. Additionally, there were 24 receipts for Continuing Education Provider fees coded as examination fees and licensure fees, 129 late fees were coded as licensure fees, and 47 receipts for miscellaneous fees were coded as licensure fees. As a result, the reported income in these revenue categories was inaccurately recorded in the Board's accounting records.

Prior Significant Issue 2024-006: The Board has an administrative rule in effect establishing a fee for initial provisional electrical contractor licenses. Additionally, the Board adopted an administrative rule discontinuing the renewal of provisional electrical contractor licenses. These administrative rules conflict with Act Number 2024-375, Acts of Alabama which discontinued the issuance of new provisional electrical contractor licenses but allowed for the continued renewal of active provisional electrical contractor licenses.

According to *Administrative Rule* 303-X-2-.01(13), no provisional license will be renewed after June 30, 2024. Additionally, *Administrative Rule* 303-X-2-.06(1)(m) still has the initial provisional license fee set at \$75.00.

Current Status: Unresolved. *Administrative Rule* 303-X-2-.01(13) and *Administrative Rule* 303-X-2-.06(1)(m) are still in effect.

Prior Significant Issue 2024-008: The Board has not complied with certain provisions of Executive Orders issued by the Governor. The Board has not established written policies to address the proper use and disposal of state vehicles as required by Governor Ivey's *Executive Order 728: Promoting Efficiency and Accountability in the Use of State Vehicles*. Additionally, the Board has not established administrative rules to set reasonable fees for responding to public records requests nor identified an employee to serve as the agency's Public Records Coordinator as required by Governor Ivey's *Executive Order 734: Promoting Transparency in State Government Through Enhanced Accessibility to Public Records*.

Executive Order 728, effective January 17, 2023, requires each state executive-branch agency, by July 1, 2023, to adopt a written policy concerning the disposal of unnecessary state vehicles and the proper use and assignment of state vehicles. To promote public confidence in the stewardship of state resources, such policies shall provide objective criteria to determine when a vehicle may properly be assigned to an individual state employee to efficiently conduct the agency's official government business.

Additionally, **Executive Order 734**, effective January 26, 2023, states, “Within 90 days of the issuance of this order, each state executive-branch agency shall revise its public-records policies - including, if necessary, by giving notice of its intention to adopt or amend administrative rules - to ensure that it charges no more than the following reasonable fees for responding to public-records requests. (a) **Document retrieval and preparation.** Up to \$20.00 per hour, including a standard, minimum fee of \$20.00. (b) **Per-page fees.** Charge a per-page fee of up to \$0.50. (c) **Actual costs.** Charge any actual costs incurred while processing or responding to a public-records request.”

Further, **Executive Order 734** states, “Within 90 days of the issuance of this order, each state executive-branch agency shall identify an employee to serve as the agency's public-records coordinator.”

Current Status: Unresolved. The Board still has not established written policies to address the proper use and disposal of state vehicles as required by Governor Ivey’s **Executive Order 728: Promoting Efficiency and Accountability in the Use of State Vehicles.**

QUESTIONNAIRES

Electrical Contractor Licensee Questionnaire

A letter was sent to one hundred licensees requesting participation in our survey. Sixteen participated in the survey. The percentages are based on the number who responded to the question.

1. What do you consider the most significant issue(s) facing your profession in Alabama?

Respondent #1 – “Unlicensed individuals working and not being regulated”

Respondent #2 – “.”

Respondent #3 – “New Electricians”

Respondent #4 – “Qualified workers”

Respondent #5 – “licenses are required but we are not enforcing work mans comp and liability to keep the playing field level”

Respondent #6 – “Licensed contractors who are not trained sufficiently in the National Electrical code! When I took the state test back in 1999 it was the Block exam. It was heavily concentrated on the code. The test that is now administered has very little code questions if any. I was an Industrial Electricity instructor at Snead State Community College from 2002 thru 2017. The first thing I taught my students was Ohms Law, the basic building block for electricians. I have asked these newly licensed contractors some very basic code questions that they should have known to pass any electrical test and they gave me a blank stare. I know that the Block exam was extremely hard, but at least it made you think and tested your knowledge. My personal opinion is that the PROV test be substituted for something that is more challenging for this profession. Safety is the issue.”

Respondent #7 – “Unlicensed people doing Electrical work”

Respondent #8 – “Untrained professionals taking jobs and putting customers at risk.”

Respondent #9 – “None licensed electrical handy man types.”

Respondent #10 – “Permitting in certain municipalities”

Respondent #11 – “Different code requirements for each municipality”

Respondent #12 – “lack of inspections for electrical work. There are several counties in Alabama that do not do inspections of work and there is some really shoddy work being done by unlicensed "contractors”

Respondent #13 – “Illegal workers”

Respondent #14 – “Material cost and length of time to get material”

Respondent #15 – “There are too many differences amongst the municipalities.”

Respondent #16 – “Having dependable and qualified help”

2. Do you think regulation of your profession by the Alabama Electrical Contractors Board is necessary to protect the public's welfare?

Yes	15	94%
No	1	6%

3. Do you think any of the Board's laws, rules, or policies are an unnecessary restriction on the practice of your profession?

No	12	75%
Unknown	4	25%

4. Are you adequately informed by the Board of changes to and interpretations of the Board's positions, policies, rules, and laws?

Yes	9	56%
No	2	13%
Unknown	5	31%

5. Do you consider mandatory continuing education necessary for the competent practice of your profession?

Yes	13	81%
No	3	19%

6. Does the Board respond to your inquiries in a timely manner?

Yes	9	56%
No	2	13%
Unknown	5	31%

7. Has the Board performed your licensing and renewal in a timely manner?

Yes	15	94%
No	1	6%

8. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make?

Respondent #1 – “Find a way to regulate unlicensed individuals working in the electrical field.”

Respondent #2 – “It’s hard to get someone to answer the phone from the board”

Respondent #3 – “No”

Respondent #4 – “no”

Respondent #5 – “None”

Respondent #6 – “As I stated before, this profession needs highly skilled employees. It is a matter of public safety to have well trained electricians on the job. A poorly trained plumber can get you wet but a poorly trained electrician can get you KILLED!!”

Respondent #7 – “I personally feel the CEU requirement is a waste of my time and money. I have to keep up with any code changes to do work so I really don’t see the reason”

Respondent #8 – “Not at this time”

Respondent #9 – “More enforcement to prevent non-licensed electrical work being performed by handy man type business companies needs to be done to protect the public.”

Respondent #10 – “License renewal was delayed”

Respondent #11 – “N/A”

Respondent #12 – “no”

Respondent #13 – “Need better notification systems for alerting contractors they’re licensing is expiring”

Respondent #14 – “no”

Respondent #15 – “I would suggest issuing a notice when licensing is about to expire instead of issuing after it has expired along with a fee.”

Respondent #16 - “No additional comments

Journeyman Licensee Questionnaire

A letter was sent to one hundred licensees requesting participation in our survey. Seven participated in the survey. The percentages are based on the number who responded to the question.

1. What do you consider the most significant issue(s) facing your profession in Alabama?

Respondent #1 – “Too many unlicensed electric workers actively working in the market. Result in safety issues for consumers.”

Respondent #2 – “Electrical contractors care more about speed and quantity than quality. I see first the terrible work being done on new construction. Safety issues, poor installations, and installation mistakes that get missed and have to be fixed by maintenance.”

Respondent #3 – “People working as electricians that do not have a journeyman license under contractors who have an employee who maintains a contractor's (masters) license causing low pay and lack of benefits. All should hold licenses of either apprentice, journeyman, or masters. Mandate only so many journeyman can work under one masters licensed person, and only so many apprentices under one journeyman. This would eliminate drug heads and raise pay and benefits to compete for competent electricians.”

Respondent #4 – “Renew process is slow, package have confirm received 7 weeks and process still not start yet.”

Respondent #5 – “Young kids NOT being taught or offered trade programs in jr. High and high schools.”

Respondent #6 – “Taxes”

Respondent #7 – “The lack of workers in the electrical field.”

2. Do you think regulation of your profession by the Alabama Electrical Contractors Board is necessary to protect the public’s welfare?

Yes	7	100%
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3. Do you think any of the Board’s laws, rules, or policies are an unnecessary restriction on the practice of your profession?

Yes	2	29%
No	3	42%
Unknown	2	29%

4. Are you adequately informed by the Board of changes to and interpretations of the Board’s positions, policies, rules, and laws?

Yes	2	29%
No	3	42%
Unknown	2	29%

5. Do you consider mandatory continuing education necessary for the competent practice of your profession?

Yes	2	29%
No	5	71%

6. Does the Board respond to your inquiries in a timely manner?

Yes	3	43%
No	1	14%
Unknown	3	43%

7. Has the Board performed your licensing and renewal in a timely manner?

Yes	6	86%
No	1	14%

8. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make?

Respondent #1 – “No”

Respondent #2 – “As a maintenance technician I am disappointed in Electrical contractors quality of worker. It lasts a just past the warranty and starts to fail or it was missed during inspections. I pride myself on fixing it right and I have to answer to my mistakes. Electrical installation should be taken serious. If it is not serious then why do we have codes to follow ? Construction in all areas have really went downhill and getting worse. Stop treating construction workers like slaves and garbage and let them do quality work. I have personally been a part of or had co-workers been a part of repairs to millions dollars damage caused by new construction fails on buildings. Change is needed.”

Respondent #3 – “Forced drug testing for electricians and apprenticeship. It is bad outside there!”

Respondent #4 – “We understand that will be taking some times for process renewal since only person in the department, but taking more than 7 weeks and still not begin process is frustrating. We could lose our job or get lay off since our license being unable to renew, online renewal also is unavailable during unable to search our own license. If we can have an option to renew in every two or three years instead of annually, it’s more easier for both side.”

Respondent #5 – “Try to figure out a way to help get educational/instructional programs back in schools.”

Respondent #6 – “Get [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] some help. She is being overworked but she is very good at her job”

Respondent #7 – “No.”

APPENDICES

Appendix I: Applicable Statutes

Chapter 36 Electrical Contractors

Section 34-36-1 Short Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Alabama Electrical Contractors Act” and shall be construed and implemented to promote the purposes and policies set forth in this chapter. (*Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §1; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.*)

Section 34-36-2 Declaration of Purpose.

The “Alabama Electrical Contractors Act” is enacted for the purpose of safeguarding homeowners and other property owners and tenants against faulty, inadequate, inefficient, or unsafe electrical installations and to protect the life, health, and property of homeowners and other property owners and tenants in the State of Alabama. Electrical contracting is hereby declared to be affected with the public interest, and this chapter shall be liberally construed so as to accomplish the foregoing purpose. (*Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §2.*)

Section 34-36-3 Definitions.

The following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them used in this chapter, for the purposes of this chapter, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

(1) BOARD. The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors.

(2) DIRECTOR. The Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors.

(3) ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING. Any job or project in the State of Alabama wherein the electrical contractor proposes to bid, install, maintain, alter, or repair any electric wiring devices or equipment.

(4) ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR. Any person, firm, or corporation who is engaged in the business of soliciting and installing electrical power or control systems; maintaining, altering, or repairing electrical power or control systems, any electrical wiring devices, equipment, or any other electrical apparatus. A person who possesses the necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to plan, lay out, and supervise the installation of electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment for lighting, heating, power, or controls and who possesses any of the following qualifications:

a. Four years of practical experience as a journeyman electrician in charge of jobs.

b. Four years of experience in the design and construction of electrical systems.

(5) JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN. A person who possesses necessary qualifications, training, and technical knowledge to install electrical wiring, apparatus, or equipment lighting, heating, or power or control covered by this chapter. He or she shall work under a master or state certified electrical contractor and shall be capable of doing work according to plans and specifications furnished to him or her and in accordance with standard rules and regulations governing such work.

(6) LICENSE. A valid and current certificate of registration issued by the director on behalf of the board which shall give the named person to whom it is issued authority to engage in the activity prescribed thereon.

(7) LICENSEE. Any person holding a license.

(8) PERSON. A human person, not a legal entity.

(*Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §3; Acts 1988, No. 88-129, p. 184, §1; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.*)

Section 34-36-4 Board of Electrical Contractors.

(a) The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors is created.

(b) A person to be eligible for appointment to serve on the board shall be a citizen and resident of Alabama. Each person appointed to the board from each congressional district shall be actively engaged in the electrical construction business as a qualified person with electrical construction background of not less than five consecutive years, and shall hold certificates to validate his or her competence as an electrical contractor in the electrical construction field. The two persons appointed to the board as at-large members shall be members of the Alabama State Electrical Workers Association. The membership of the board should be inclusive and should reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(c) The board shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor. One member shall be appointed from each congressional district, and there shall be two at-large members who shall be appointed from within the state. The board members from the First, Second, and Third Congressional Districts shall be appointed for terms of one year; the board members from the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Congressional Districts shall be appointed for terms of two years; and the board member from the Seventh Congressional District as well as the at-large members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Thereafter, all board members shall be appointed for terms of three years. Each term shall expire on June 30 of the last year of the term, and no member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms. Vacancies on the board for any cause shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed.

(d) The board shall meet at least semiannually and as often as necessary. The board shall meet annually to elect officers from its membership, whose initial terms shall expire on June 30 next following their election. Special meetings of the board may be held as the board provides in its rules and regulations. The board shall meet at least once in the first quarter and once in the third quarter of the year. Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(e) The board may adopt rules and regulations to carry out this chapter.

(f) Any member of the board or duly appointed hearing officer designated by the board may administer oaths and take testimony concerning all matters within the jurisdiction of the board.

(g) The board may sue and be sued in its official name. Absent negligence, wantonness, recklessness, or deliberate misconduct, members of the board are immune from liability for all good faith acts performed in the execution of their duties of the board.

(h) The board shall adopt a seal for its use containing the words: Alabama Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board.

(i) The board may employ, and at its pleasure discharge, an executive director. The board may hire other officers and administrative employees which may be necessary to implement this chapter. The board may employ, on an as needed basis, an investigator to investigate complaints. The board shall not employ electrical inspectors nor provide for any electrical inspections. The board shall outline the duties and fix the compensation and expense allowances of all employees pursuant to the Merit System Act of Alabama.

(j) The board is subject to the Alabama Sunset Law and is classified as an enumerated agency pursuant to Section 41-20-3. The board shall automatically terminate on October 1, 2012, and every four years thereafter, unless a bill is enacted that the board be continued, modified, or reestablished.

(k) Each board member shall be accountable to the Governor for the proper performance of his or her duties as a member of the board. The Governor shall investigate any complaints or unfavorable reports concerning the actions of the board and shall take appropriate action thereon, including removal of any board member for misfeasance, malfeasance, neglect of duty, commission of a felony, incompetence, or permanent inability to perform official duties. A board member may be removed at the request of the board after failing to attend three consecutive properly noticed meetings.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §4; Acts 1988, No. 88-129, p. 184, §1; Acts 1995, No. 95-747, p. 1698, §1; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-5 Compensation of Board Members.

The members of the board shall receive up to three hundred dollars (\$300) per day with a limit of 15 days per year while performing their official duties, in addition to the same per diem and mileage as provided to state employees.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921 p. 201 §5; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-6 Powers and Duties of Board.

(a) By rule, the board shall make provisions to do all of the following:

(1) Prepare or approve all examinations of applicants for licenses for electrical contractors and journeyman electricians.

(2) Determine the qualifications of electrical contractors to engage in the business of electrical contracting.

(3) Determine the qualifications of journeyman electricians to engage in electrical work.

(4) Provide for the investigation of written complaints filed with the board concerning alleged violations of this chapter and any rules adopted by the board.

(b) The board may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license and impose a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), after notice and opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, upon proof of any of the following actions by a licensee or applicant:

(1) Violating any provision of this chapter.

(2) Attempting to procure a license to practice electrical contracting or to work as a master electrician or journeyman electrician by bribery or fraudulent misrepresentations.

(3) Being convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of electrical contracting, working as a journeyman electrician, or the ability to practice electrical contracting or to work as a master electrician or journeyman electrician.

(4) Making or filing a report or record which the licensee knows to be false, willfully failing to file a report or record required by state or federal law, willfully impeding or obstructing such filing, or inducing another person to impede or obstruct such filing. Such reports or records shall include only those which are signed in the capacity of a licensed electrical contractor, master electrician, or journeyman electrician.

(5) Being found guilty of fraud or deceit or of negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in the practice of electrical contracting or working as a master electrician or journeyman electrician.

(6) Practicing on a revoked, suspended, or inactive license.

(7) Aiding or abetting any person to evade any provision of this chapter.

(8) Knowingly combining or conspiring with any person by allowing one's license to be used by any unlicensed person with the intent to evade this chapter. When a licensee allows his or her license to be used by any firm, partnership, association, or corporation without having any active participation in the operations or management of the firm, partnership, association, or corporation, such act constitutes prima facie evidence of an intent to evade this chapter.

(9) Acting in the capacity of a contractor under any license issued under this chapter except in the name of the licensee as set forth on the issued license.

(c) Upon finding a person, corporation, or business entity engaged in electrical contracting as defined in this chapter to be in violation of any of the provisions contained herein, the board may investigate the activities of licensed and unlicensed contractors. If the board finds that a person, corporation, or business entity is engaged in performing electrical contracting covered by this chapter without having obtained a proper license, the board may do any of the following:

(1) Deny an application for licensure with cause.

(2) Impose an administrative fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(3) Issue a cease and desist order.

(4) Petition the circuit court of the county where the act occurred to enforce the cease and desist order or collect the assessed fine, or both.

(d) Any person aggrieved by any adverse action taken by the board may appeal the adverse action to the circuit court of the county in which the adverse action occurred in accordance with the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §6; Acts 1988, No. 88-129, p. 184, §1; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-7 Examinations; Reciprocity with Other States; Issuance of Licenses.

(a) All applicants for licensure as an electrical contractor or journeyman electrician must submit a completed application, application fee, and supportive documentation of qualifications before taking an examination approved by the board. The board shall examine applicants at least once every three months according to the method deemed by the board to be the most appropriate to test the qualifications of applicants. Any national standardized or written examination proctored by an independent third party which the board shall approve as substantially similar to the examination required to be licensed under this chapter may be administered to all applicants in lieu of or in conjunction with any other examination that the board shall give to test the qualifications of applicants. The board may establish norms of achievement required for a passing grade. The board, by rule, may adopt the National Electrical Code for the purpose of examinations.

(b) The board may recognize a license issued by any other state that, in the opinion of the board, has standards of practice or licensure equal to or higher than those required by this state. The board shall actively seek to reciprocate with those states meeting such standards. The board shall actively seek to maintain those states currently under agreement.

(c) No license shall be issued except in compliance with this chapter and none shall be issued except to a person or a person in a firm, partnership, association, or corporation. A firm, partnership, association, or corporation, as such, shall not be licensed. A licensee shall be a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of the United States, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the federal government.

(d) Commencing May 15, 2024, no new provisional electrical contractor licenses may be issued by the board. Any person who is holding an active provisional electrical contractor license on May 15, 2024, may continue to apply for the annual renewal of that license by submitting to the board a completed application, application fee, and supportive documentation establishing that he or she holds a valid local license or permit. A local license or permit issued by a county or municipality authorizes the holder to perform electrical contractor tasks and functions only within the boundaries of the issuing county or municipality. The provisional electrical contractor license does not expand the limited geographical boundaries imposed by the local license or permit.
(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §7; Act 2003-482, p. 1485, §1; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1; Act 2012-102, p. 175, §3; Act 2024-375, §3.)

Section 34-36-8 Expiration and Renewal of Licenses; Continuing Education; Inactive Status.

(a) All licenses shall expire annually or at other times designated by the board. All applications for renewal of licenses shall be filed with the director prior to the expiration date, accompanied by the annual renewal fee prescribed by the board.

(b) The board is authorized to establish or adopt, or both, education requirements and may approve the program or programs providing education to fulfill the requirements. The board shall set the minimum standards of education. All persons holding an electrical contractor license shall be required to complete 14 hours of continuing education every two years.

(c) The board may promulgate rules regarding the approval of continuing education courses and the accounting for continuing education hours.

(d) Any person licensed by the board may elect an inactive status certificate by notifying the board in writing. The fee for the issuance and renewal of an inactive status certificate shall be established by the board. The board shall provide by rule those activities which an inactive status certificate holder may engage in and for a procedure for the reinstatement as an active status certificate holder.
(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §8; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-9 Failure to Renew License; Restoration Fee; New License.

An expired license for an electrical contractor which has expired for failure to renew may only be restored within five years from the date of expiration after application and payment of the prescribed restoration fee and satisfaction of all continuing education requirements. The restoration fee shall be established by the board and shall be due upon application for restoration. The restoration fee shall be in addition to all accrued renewal fees. Any license which has not been restored within five years following its expiration may not be renewed, restored, or reissued thereafter. The holder of such a cancelled license may apply for and obtain a valid license only upon compliance with all relevant requirements as prescribed by this chapter or by rule for issuance of a new license.
(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §9; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-10 Expiration of Suspended Licenses.

A suspended license is subject to expiration and must be renewed or restored as provided in this chapter during the term of suspension.
(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §10.)

Section 34-36-11 Fees.

The board is empowered to establish and charge reasonable fees for the administration of examinations, issuance of all active and inactive licenses, and supplying information to applicants, licensees, and the general public. Such fees shall be commensurate with the cost of fulfilling the duties of the board as defined in this chapter.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §11.)

Section 34-36-12 Display of Licenses.

Every person holding a license issued by the board shall display it in a conspicuous manner at his or her principal place of business.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §12.)

Section 34-36-13 License Required; Exemptions.

(a) No person shall engage in the electrical contracting business or perform work as a master or journeyman electrician unless such person shall have received a license from the board or from the county or municipality where the electrical contracting work is being performed; provided, however, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply:

(1) To the installation, construction, or maintenance of power systems for the generation and secondary distribution of electric current constructed under the provisions of the National Electrical Safety Code which regulates the safety requirements of utilities.

(2) To the installation, construction, maintenance, or repair of telephone or signal systems by or for public utilities or their corporate affiliates, when such work pertains to the services furnished by such utilities.

(3) To any technician employed by a municipal franchised CATV system.

(4) To any master or journeyman electrician employed by a state licensee of the board or a licensee of a county or municipality where the contract work is being performed.

(5) To the owner of any premises or an employee of any such owner when performing electrical work or installing, constructing, maintaining, altering, or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, or apparatus on such premises.

(6) To an employee of an electric utility when installing or repairing electric appliances and equipment for a customer.

(7) To any retail merchant, or its employees making the installation of or the repair or maintenance on any appliance that the merchant has sold; or to any modular or manufacturer of the housing industry within the state which is regulated by state and federal governments.

(8) To the installation, construction, or maintenance of systems that operate on 25 volts or less.

(9) To the installation, construction, or maintenance of direct broadcast satellite services.

(b)(1) No license shall be issued by the board without an examination of the applicant for the purpose of ascertaining his or her qualifications for such work, but no such examination shall be required for the annual renewal of such license.

(2) This section shall in no way prohibit the governing authorities of each county and municipality in the State of Alabama from exercising their authority to require any person engaging in the electrical contracting business or performing work as a master or journeyman electrician to stand and attain a passing grade on an examination administered by such county or municipality to evidence their ability and proficiency to engage in the electrical contracting business or to perform work as a master or journeyman electrician within their jurisdiction; provided, however, that any person who holds a valid statewide license issued by the board shall be deemed qualified and, upon satisfactory proof of the license, shall be allowed to perform forthwith electrical work in any county or municipality under the terms and conditions set forth in this chapter, if such person has the proper county or municipal building permit and business license.

(c) All persons performing work under a license issued by the board must abide by all state and local laws and ordinances.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §13; Acts 1988, No. 88-129, p. 184, §1; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-14 Electrical Appeals and Advisory Board; Appointment, Qualifications, Terms and Compensation of Members; Rules for Appeals.

Repealed by Act 2010-540, p. 932, §3, effective July 1, 2010.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §14.)

Section 34-36-15 Injunctive Power.

Electrical contracting involves activities affecting the public interest and the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Such activities, when engaged in by a person who is not licensed, are a public nuisance and harmful to the public health, safety, and welfare. The board or the district attorney of the circuit where such nuisance exists may bring a petition to restrain and enjoin such unlicensed practice in the district court of the county where such unlicensed person resides. It shall not be necessary in order to obtain the equitable relief provided herein to allege or prove that there is no adequate remedy at law.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §15; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-16 Violations; Penalties.

(a) Except as provided in Section 13A-9-111.1, it shall be unlawful for any person to violate this chapter regulating electrical contracting, and any person convicted of such violation shall be punished as a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided, on or after December 31, 2011, for a person not licensed as an electrical contractor to solicit, represent, seek to perform, or perform those tasks and functions that can only be performed by a licensed electrical contractor in accordance with this chapter.

(c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to any person who holds a license or permit issued by a county or municipal government to perform the tasks and functions that can only be performed by a licensed electrical contractor and who performs those tasks and functions within the boundaries of the county or municipality that issued the license or permit.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §16; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1; Act 2021-272, §2; Act 2024-375, §3.)

Section 34-36-17 Funding.

There is hereby established a separate fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors Fund. All money derived under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in this fund and used only to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Such fund shall be paid out only by warrant of the Comptroller upon the Treasurer, upon itemized vouchers, approved by the director of the board; provided, that no funds shall be withdrawn or expended except as budgeted and allotted according to the provisions of Sections 41-4-80 through 41-4-96 and Sections 41-19-1 through 41-19-12, and only in amounts as stipulated in the general appropriation or other appropriation bills. Any funds unspent and unencumbered at the end of any state fiscal year in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be transferred into the State General Fund on or before January 15 of the succeeding year. In addition, there is hereby appropriated from the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors Fund to the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors the amount necessary to repay the State General Fund for any and all amounts expended therefrom and such repayment to the State General Fund shall be made as soon as funds are available.

(Acts 1985, 2nd Ex. Sess., No. 85-921, p. 201, §17; Act 2010-540, p. 932, §1.)

Section 34-36-18 Construction of Chapter.

This chapter shall not be construed as authorizing the employment of statewide electrical inspectors.

(Act 2010-540, p. 932, §2.)

Appendix II: Board Members



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July 2, 2025

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Dear Ms. Martin:

Pursuant to your request, please find the information required for the Electrical Contractors Board Members:

Michael Wilson – Mobile, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028
Theodore Blount – Mobile, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2027
David Smith – Irondale, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028
David Carpenter – Florence, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028
Greg Koger – Huntsville, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028
Anthony Nixon – Calera, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028
John Britton – Graysville, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028
Frankie Tubbs – Muscle Shoals, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028
Matthew Dudley – Trussville, Alabama – Expires 6-30-2028

Please be advised that the expiration dates above were what was provided to me by the Governor's Office and may not be the actual expiration date of the seat each member is in, as we are still verifying these dates as of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey M. Becraft
Executive Director

Appendix III: Board's Response



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August 22, 2025

Dixie Broadwater Thomas
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Dear Ms. Thomas:

Upon review of the significant issues found during your office's 2025 Sunset Review of FY24 business, I ask you please accept the responses below regarding the significant findings.

Significant Issue 2025-001: The Board did not maintain accurate information notating the date checks and/or money orders were received by the Board. Six hundred four checks and money orders were reviewed; receipt dates could only be determined for 444 checks and money orders (74%). As a result, it could not be determined whether the remaining 160 checks and/or money orders were deposited timely.

Additionally, the Board did not always deposit checks and money orders in a timely manner. Of the 444 checks and money orders reviewed with receipt dates, 360 checks and money orders (81%) were deposited from 6 to 301 business days after receipt.

On June 3, 2025, the Board of Electrical Contractors (AECB) entered into an interagency agreement with the Board of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors (HACR) to assume day to day operations of AECB. Upon transfer of all AECB financial files and records, HACR was able to deposit all undeposited checks and money orders totaling \$41,620.00, the week of June 3, 2025. These deposits were certified into the Treasury the same week. Additionally, HACR was able to certify to the Treasury \$92,920.00 in outstanding online payments to AECB received by Tyler Technologies the next week. The total amount of June 2025 deposits of backlogged payments received by the Board was \$222,320.00.

As of June 10, 2025, all AECB's outstanding receipts have been deposited and certified to the Treasury and the Board is now current on all cash receipts.

Significant Issue 2025-002: It could not be determined whether minutes were kept in accordance with the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-25A-4 for two meetings held during the Sunset review period. The Board's prior Executive Director did not provide minutes for the Board meetings held on February 26, 2025 and April 30, 2025.

The Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-25A-4 states in part, "A governmental body shall maintain accurate records of its meetings, excluding executive sessions, setting forth the date, time, place, members present or absent, and action taken at each meeting."

Upon assuming day to day operations for the Board of Electrical Contractors (AECB), the Board of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors (HACR) was provided information from the Licensing Board for General Contractors regarding the February 26, 2025 and April 30, 2025 AECB Board meetings.

From the information provided, HACR was able to reconstruct the minutes from both meetings. AECB voted to ratify the minutes of the February 26, 2025 and April 30, 2025 meetings at its August 10, 2025 meeting.

As of the date of this letter, AECB minutes for the audit period are current and have been provided to your office.

Significant Issue 2025-003: Three of the seven journeymen licensees (43%) responding to our survey indicated that they do not believe they are adequately informed by the Board of changes to and interpretations of the Board's positions, policies, rules, and laws.

The administrators for the Board of Electrical Contractors (AECB), prior to October 1, 2024, did not keep correct and accurate contact information for its licensees. AECB has been working diligently since October 2024 to obtain correct demographic and contact information for every licensee during the renewal process.

The Board's database of licensees should be fully accurate by October 1, 2025 so that AECB can update all licensees via email, text, US mail, or other means on a regular basis of the Board's changes to policy, rules, regulations, statutes, etc.

Prior Significant Issue 2020-001: The Board is not accurately reporting its encumbrances and accounts payable at the end of the fiscal year to the Comptroller's Office. The Board encumbered \$101,087.28 at the end of fiscal year 2019 and expended \$27,890.38 in the next fiscal year. The Board encumbered \$73,846.38 at the end of fiscal year 2020 and expended \$19,386.74 in the next fiscal year. As a result of overstating encumbrances and accounts payable for fiscal year 2020 the Board did not transfer the correct amount of unspent funds in excess of \$100,000.00 to the State General Fund.

Current Status: Partially resolved. While no transfer was required at the end of fiscal year 2024, the Board did not accurately report its encumbrances and accounts payable at the end of the fiscal year to the Comptroller's Office. The Board encumbered \$103,848.01 at the end of fiscal year 2024 but only expended \$56,786.01 in the next fiscal year.

As previously noted above the Board of Electrical Contractors (AECB) entered into an interagency agreement with the Board of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors (HACR) to assume day to day operations of AECB. HACR is working diligently to accurately report AECB finances

on a quarterly basis to assure that the end of year encumbrances reflects actual outstanding obligations.

At the end of FY25, in addition to standard end of year encumbrances, AECB must encumber an additional \$170,000.00 to cover the Board of Adjustments claim filed by Smith Warren management services for unfulfilled administrative services from June through September 2024, and possibly an additional \$112,500 for payments to the Licensing Board for General Contractors for administrative service from October 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 that the Board has not received invoicing for.

The accounting staff with HACR is committed to rectifying significant issue 2020-001 so that it does not appear in future audit findings.

Prior Significant Issue 2024-003: During the Sunset Review period, the Board incorrectly coded \$13,640.00 in examination fees as licensure fees and \$2,500.00 in licensure fees as examination fees. As a result, the reported income in these revenue categories was inaccurately recorded in the Board's accounting records. According to the State of Alabama Department of Finance's Fiscal Policy and Procedures Manual, "Deposits of revenues include taxes, fees, fines, interest, rent, grants, and federal funds. Agencies are required to enter the four-digit revenue source code from the chart of accounts and select the revenue source code that describes the receipt that is being certified."

Current Status: Unresolved. During this Sunset Review period, the Board did not properly record 201 receipts. It was determined that a refund against disbursements was coded as an Oil & Gas Production - GF 2% collection. Additionally, there were 24 receipts for Continuing Education Provider fees coded as examination fees and licensure fees, 129 late fees were coded as licensure fees, and 47 receipts for miscellaneous fees were coded as licensure fees. As a result, the reported income in these revenue categories was inaccurately recorded in the Board's accounting records

As previously noted above the Board of Electrical Contractors (AECB) entered into an interagency agreement with the Board of Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Contractors (HACR) to assume day to day operations of AECB. At the time I became aware of the Sunset Audit, HACR had already began correcting the revenue codes on the receipts outlined above.

As of the date of this letter all receipts noted in the current status of significant issue 2024-003 have been corrected.

Prior Significant Issue 2024-006: The Board has an administrative rule in effect establishing a fee for initial provisional electrical contractor licenses. Additionally, the Board adopted an administrative rule discontinuing the renewal of provisional electrical contractor licenses. These administrative rules conflict with Act Number 2024-375, Acts of Alabama which discontinued the issuance of new provisional electrical contractor licenses but allowed for the continued renewal of active provisional electrical contractor licenses.

According to Administrative Rule 303-X-2-.01(13), no provisional license will be renewed after June 30, 2024. Additionally, Administrative Rule 303-X-2-.06(1)(m) still has the initial provisional license fee set at \$75.00.

Current Status: Unresolved. Administrative Rule 303-X-2-.01(13) and Administrative Rule 303-X-2-.06(1)(m) are still in effect.

The Board of Electrical Contractors filed proposals with LSA to repeal Administrative Rule Sections 303-X-1 through 303-X-A and replace them with new rules 303-X-1 through 303-X-6. In the replacement rules, section 303-X-2-.01(13) no provisional license will be renewed after June 30, 2024 was removed as well as the provisional license fee in section 303-X-2-.06(1).

A copy of the proposed rules was delivered to your office on August 22, 2025 via the audit microsite, and should be published in the September 2025 Alabama Administrative Monthly.

Prior Significant Issue 2024-008: The Board has not complied with certain provisions of Executive Orders issued by the Governor. The Board has not established written policies to address the proper use and disposal of state vehicles as required by Governor Ivey's Executive Order 728: Promoting Efficiency and Accountability in the Use of State Vehicles.

Additionally, the Board has not established administrative rules to set reasonable fees for responding to public records requests nor identified an employee to serve as the agency's Public Records Coordinator as required by Governor Ivey's Executive Order 734: Promoting Transparency in State Government Through Enhanced Accessibility to Public Records.

The Board of Electrical Contractors filed proposals with LSA to repeal Administrative Rule Sections 303-X-1 through 303-X-A and replace them with new rules 303-X-1 through 303-X-6 which will specifically address Executive Order 734 in future rule 303-X-2-.08 Open Records which states "Any citizen wishing to inspect and/or obtain public records should submit a public records request form detailing the record or records desired. The certified records will be provided as stated on the Board's website. The Board does not charge a fee for public records requests."

Executive Order 728, effective January 17, 2023, requires each state executive-branch agency, by July 1, 2023, to adopt a written policy concerning the disposal of unnecessary state vehicles and the proper use and assignment of state vehicles. To promote public confidence in the stewardship of state resources, such policies shall provide objective criteria to determine when a vehicle may properly be assigned to an individual state employee to efficiently conduct the agency's official government business.

On January 3, 2025, the Board of Electrical Contractors established an Agency Vehicle Policy to comply with Executive Order 728. A copy has been provided to your office through the audit microsite.

Please feel free to contact me directly at (334) 242-5552 if you wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey M. Becraft
Executive Director